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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/559,207	Applicant(s) KOTHEN ET AL.	
	Examiner Trevor McGraw	Art Unit 3752	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 December 2005.
 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-10 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-10 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al. (US Patent No. 5,860,394).
2. In regard to claims 6-10, Saito et al. (5,860,394) teaches a fuel injector comprising a housing (10) where the housing (10) has a nozzle needle bore (13) having a central axis and a needle seat (Figure 3) where there is an outside surface radially spaced from the axis (Figure 3) and a cooling duct (20) that is arranged around the bore. Saito et al. also teaches a cooling duct (20) that has a cross sectional area that is in a plane through the central axis of the needle where the cross sectional area has a height in the axial direction and a width transverse to the axis where the width is less than the height. Saito et al. further teaches a cooling duct (20) that extends axially as far as the needle seat (Figure 3) as well as a cooling medium inflow line (21). However, Saito et al. fails to teach a cooling duct that is closer to the bore than the outside surface of a housing and an inflow line whose cross sectional area is more than two times less the cross sectional area size of a cooling duct. It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the present invention to move the cooling duct (20) of Saito et al. closer to the needle bore (13) to providing a better position for the cooling

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duct to expedite a faster heat transfer medium over the shorter distance. It is further obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the present invention to provide for a smaller cooling medium inflow line (21) to increase the heat transfer time rate at which cooling occurs as a smaller cross sectional area inflow line will increase pressure into the cooling duct (20).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Saito et al. (US Patent No. 5,860,394), Ruoff et al. (US Patent No. 6,273,032), Buchannan et al. (US Patent No. 7,028,918), Dreisin (US Patent No. 3,945,353).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trevor McGraw whose telephone number is (571) 272-7375. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (2nd & 4th Friday Off).

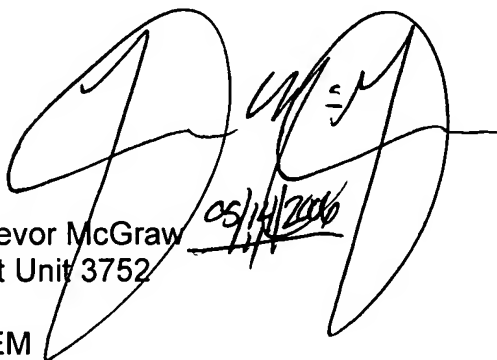
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel can be reached on (571) 272-4919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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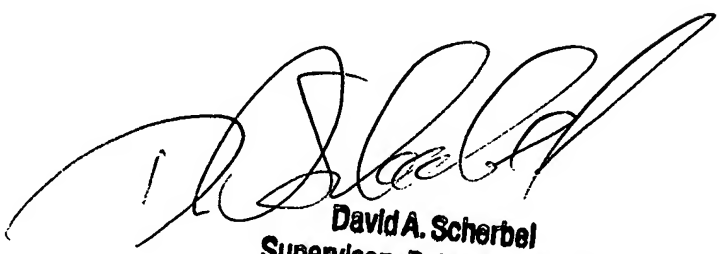
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